Thanks to a burgeoning body of scholarship our knowledge on a variety of aspects of the history of the Jews in what is more evasively than convincingly termed the “German states”, the “German speaking lands” or “Central Europe” in the early modern period has increased considerably. However, for reasons that have to do with the specific dynamics of German and Jewish historiography, as well as with the historical master narratives of other successor states of the Holy Roman Empire, we know, these advances notwithstanding, astonishingly little about how the Jewish condition related to the inner workings of the Holy Roman Empire as a political, legal, economic and social system as a whole. Nor has the impact of the peculiar relationship between the Empire and the partially overlapping Habsburg Monarchy on the Jewish condition been studied as a topic in its own right. The main objective of this summer academy is to discuss the question to what extent the Holy Roman Empire rather than individual territorial states and provinces, provided an overarching framework both for Jews as actors in politics, law and commerce and for the evolution of ideas about Jews and Judaism. The summer academy will rehearse several prominent key questions from this novel perspective but also discuss topics from the frontiers of research. This will be the fourth summer academy on the Jewish Holy Roman Empire, the second to be held in Jerusalem.

PARTICIPANT UNIVERSITIES:

The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, the Justus-Liebig-University Gießen, the Max-Planck-Institute for European Legal History, the University of Erfurt, the University of Erlangen-Nuremberg, the University of Frankfurt, the University of Fribourg, the University of Göttingen, the Institute for the History of the German Jews and the University of Hamburg, the Leopold-Franzens-University Innsbruck, the University of Leipzig, Palacký University, Olomouc and the University of Vienna.

CONVENORS:

Dieter J. Hecht (Austrian Academy of Sciences), Louise Hecht (University of Olomouc), Michael K. Silber (Hebrew University), Stephan Wendehorst (Justus-Liebig-University Gießen/University of Vienna)

SESSIONS:

Theory, Methodology and Historiography; Functions, Sinews and Perceptions of Empire; Scholarship, Art and Memory; Diplomacy, Law of Nations and International Relations; Sources & Palaeography
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APPLICATION:
- Applications, consisting of letter of motivation and CV, are to be submitted to summeracademy.jhre@mail.huji.ac.il
- Deadline for application: 31 May 2012. Successful applicants will be notified by 4 June 2012.
- Participants are requested to pay a fee of 300 Euro (50 Euro in case of students matriculated at the following universities: The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, the Justus-Liebig-University Gießen, the Max-Planck-Institute for European Legal History, the University of Erfurt, the University of Erlangen-Nuremberg, the University of Frankfurt, the University of Fribourg, the University of Göttingen, the Institute for the History of the German Jews and the University of Hamburg, the Leopold-Franzens-University Innsbruck, the University of Leipzig, Palacký University, Olomouc and the University of Vienna). The reader and any other teaching material are covered by the fee.
- For board and accommodation for the entire duration of the summer academy all participants are requested to pay 500 Euro.
- All fees have to be transferred until 18 June 2012. For further details concerning the banking details please contact summeracademy.jhre@mail.huji.ac.il
- All participants need to take care of their own travel arrangements and cover the costs.
- For those unable to obtain funding from their own university or other sources a limited number of bursaries covering board and accommodation are available. Applications for bursaries are to be submitted simultaneously with the application for a place in the summer academy.

PROGRAM

TUESDAY, 17 JULY

9.00 - 10.30 a.m.
The Holy Roman Empire for Beginners I
Stephan Wendehorst, Gießen/Vienna

The Holy Roman Empire for the Initiated/“Reichsversteher” I
Thomas Lau, Fribourg

Coffee

11.00 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.
The Holy Roman Empire for Beginners II
Stephan Wendehorst, Gießen/Vienna

The Holy Roman Empire for the Initiated/“Reichsversteher” II
*Thomas Lau, Fribourg*

Lunch

**JEWISH NATIONAL AND UNIVERSITY LIBRARY, GIVAT RAM**

2.00 – 3.30 p.m.
Welcome Addresses
Director of the Jewish National Library

Palaeography I
Archival sources on early modern Jewish history in the Federal Republic
*J. Friedrich Battenberg, Darmstadt*

Archival sources on early modern Jewish history in Jerusalem
*Stefan Litt, Jerusalem*

Coffee

4.00 – 5.30 p.m.
Palaeography A II: German manuscripts & sources, beginners’ level – Introduction
*Thomas Lau, Fribourg*

Palaeography B II: German manuscripts & sources, advanced level – Introduction
*Stephan Wendehorst, Gießen/Vienna*

Palaeography C II: Judendeutsch & Yiddish & Ladino & Hebrew, beginners’ level – Introduction
*Mordechai Zucker, London*

Palaeography D II: Judendeutsch & Yiddish & Ladino & Hebrew, advanced level – Introduction
*Stefan Litt, Jerusalem*

**HEBREW UNIVERSITY, MOUNT SCOPUS CAMPUS, RABIN BUILDING**

6.30 – 8.00 p.m.
Welcome Addresses
Reuven Amitai, Dean of the Faculty of Humanities, Hebrew University Jerusalem
Andreas Gotzmann, Speaker Elect of the Research Cluster “The Jewish Holy Roman Empire”

Key-Note Lecture
Égalité avant la lettre? Joseph II’s Edicts of Toleration for the Jews, 1781-1789
*Michael K. Silber, Jerusalem*

**WEDNESDAY, 18 JULY**

9.00 - 10.30 a.m.
Palaeography A III: German manuscripts & sources, beginners’ level
*Thomas Lau, Fribourg*

Palaeography B III: German manuscripts & sources, advanced level
*Stephan Wendehorst, Gießen/Vienna*

Palaeography C III: Judendeutsch & Yiddish & Ladino & Hebrew, beginners’ level
*Mordechai Zucker, London*
Palaeography D III: Judendeutsch & Yiddish & Ladino & Hebrew, advanced level  
*Stefan Litt, Jerusalem*

Coffee

**Theory, Methodology and Historiography: Citizenship, Constitution and the Jews in the 18th Century Holy Roman Empire**

11.00 – 12.30 a.m.
The Early Modern Rabbinate Between Jewish Autonomy and the Early Modern State  
*Andreas Gotzmann, Erfurt*

Lunch

2.00 – 3.30 p.m.
Hugo Grotius’ Remonstantie: Remarks on the Legal Position of the Jews in the Dutch Republic  
*Yossi Kaplan, Jerusalem*

Coffee

4.00 – 5.30 p.m.
The Enlightenment’s Model Constitution Beyond the “Civil Improvement of the Jews”: Dohm as Prussian Imperial Commissioner in the Imperial City of Aachen and the Prince-Bishopric of Lüttich  
*Horst Carl, Gießen*

**THURSDAY, 19 JULY**

9.00 – 10.30 a.m.
Palaeography A IV: German manuscripts & sources for beginners  
*Thomas Lau, Fribourg*

Palaeography B IV: German manuscripts & sources, advanced  
*Stephan Wendehorst, Gießen/Vienna*

Palaeography C IV: Judendeutsch & Yiddish & Ladino & Hebrew for beginners  
*Mordechai Zucker, London*

Palaeography D IV: Judendeutsch & Yiddish & Ladino & Hebrew, advanced  
*Stefan Litt, Jerusalem*

Coffee

11.00 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.
Jews as a Group, the Principle of Parity and the Constitution of the Holy Roman Empire  
*Stephan Wendehorst, Gießen/Vienna*

Lunch

2.00 – 3.30 p.m.
Mendelssohn’s Language Politics and the Jewish Oath  
*Grit Schorch, Halle-Wittenberg*

Coffee

4.00-5.30 p.m.
Community, Congregation, or Commune? Jewish Gemeinden and Gemeindesinn in the Habsburg Monarchy
**FRIDAY, 20 JULY**

**Excursion I: In the Footsteps of Flavius Josephus Through Jerusalem**

The Discovery of the Palace of Queen Helene/Recent Excavation by the Archeology Department of the Hebrew University near the Dung Gate  
_Eyal Ben-Eliahu, Jerusalem_  

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**SUNDAY, 22 JULY**

9.00 - 10.30 a.m.  
Palaeography class: A V: Beginners: German manuscripts & sources  
_Thomas Lau, Fribourg_

Palaeography class B V: Advanced: German manuscripts & sources  
_Stephan Wendehorst, Gießen/Wien_

Palaeography class: C V: Beginners: Judendeutsch & Yiddish & Ladino & Hebrew  
_Stefan Litt, Jerusalem_

Palaeography class: D V: Advanced: Judendeutsch & Yiddish & Ladino & Hebrew  
_Mordechai Zucker, London_

Coffee

**Functions, Sinews and Perceptions of the Empire**

11.00 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.  
Competing Laws and Jurisdictions: The Holy Roman Empire as a Polycentric Legal System  
_Karl Härter, Frankfurt_

Lunch

2.00 – 3.30 p.m.  
On the Margins or at the Centre of Empire? Hamburg’s Jewish Communities  
_Annette Baumann, Gießen/Frankfurt/Weizlar and Michael Studemund-Halevy, Hamburg_

Coffee

4.00 – 5.30 p.m.  
Protestant Nonconformists in the Empire: The Mennonites before the Imperial Aulic Council  
_Astrid von Schlachta, Innsbruck_

**MONDAY, 23 JULY**

9.00 - 10.30 a.m.  
Palaeography class: A VI: Beginners: German manuscripts & sources  
_Thomas Lau, Fribourg_

Palaeography class B VI: Advanced: German manuscripts & sources  
_Stephan Wendehorst, Gießen/Vienna_

Palaeography class: C VI: Beginners: Judendeutsch & Yiddish & Ladino & Hebrew  
_Michael Studemund-Halevy, Hamburg_
TUESDAY, 24 JULY

9.00 - 10.30 a.m.
Palaeography class: A VII: Beginners: German manuscripts & sources
Gerhard Rechter, Nuremberg

Palaeography class B VII: Advanced: German manuscripts & sources
Anette Baumann, Gießen/Frankfurt/Wetzlar

Palaeography class: C VII: Beginners: Judendeutsch &Yiddish & Ladino & Hebrew
Stefan Litt, Jerusalem

Palaeography class: D VII: Advanced: Judendeutsch &Yiddish & Ladino & Hebrew
Michael Studemund-Halevy, Hamburg

Coffee

Scholarship, Art and Memory

11.00 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.
Joseph II in Jewish Historiography and Memory
Michael Silber, Jerusalem

Lunch

2.00 – 6.00 p.m.
Excursion II: The Israel Museum

The Temple of Solomon/The Temple of Solomon in the Zwinger of Dresden: The first Jewish Museum?
Michael Korey, Dresden

Imagining Jewish History - A Look at History from the Visual Perspective
Richard Cohen, Jerusalem
WEDNESDAY, 25 JULY

9.00 - 10.30 a.m.
Palaeography class: A VII: Beginners: German manuscripts & sources
Gerhard Rechter, Nuremberg

Palaeography class B VII: Advanced: German manuscripts & sources
Anette Baumann, Gießen/Frankfurt/Wetzlar

Palaeography class: C VII: Beginners: Judendeutsch & Yiddish & Ladino & Hebrew
Stefan Litt, Jerusalem

Palaeography class: D VII: Advanced: Judendeutsch & Yiddish & Ladino & Hebrew
Mordechai Zucker, Jerusalem

Coffee

11.00 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.
Jewish Printing in the Holy Roman Empire
Dirk Sadowski, Braunschweig

Lunch

2.00 – 3.30 p.m.
Maskilic Rediscovery of Josephus Flavius
Louise Hecht, Olmütz/Vienna

Coffee

4.00 – 5.30 p.m.
The Leo Baeck Institute and its German-Jewish History
Anja Siegesmund, Jerusalem

THURSDAY, 26 JULY

9.00 - 10.30 a.m.
Palaeography class: A IX: Beginners: German manuscripts & sources
Gerhard Rechter, Nuremberg

Palaeography class B IX: Advanced: German manuscripts & sources
Anette Baumann, Gießen/Frankfurt/Wetzlar

Palaeography class: C IX: Beginners: Judendeutsch & Yiddish & Ladino & Hebrew
Stefan Litt, Jerusalem

Palaeography class: D IX: Advanced: Judendeutsch & Yiddish & Ladino & Hebrew
Mordechai Zucker, London

Coffee

11.00 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.
Religious Responses: Halakhic Texts from the Holy Roman Empire
Maoz Kahana, Jerusalem

Lunch

2.00 – 3.30 p.m.
To Tell Their Children: Reizl Plohn’s Parokhet and Jewish Memory in Seventeenth-Century Prague
Rachel Greenblatt, Harvard
Coffee

4.00 – 5.30 p.m.
The Forged Chronicle of Prague’s Medieval Czech Jewish Community
*Louise Hecht, Olomouc/Vienna*

Coffee

6.00 – 7.30 p.m.
The Fate of the Lost Temple Treasures in the Medieval Period
*Roland Steinacher, Vienna*

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**FRIDAY, 27 JULY**

**Excursion III: Herodium**
*Eyal Ben-Eliahu, Jerusalem*

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**SUNDAY, 29 JULY**

9.00 - 10.30 a.m.
Palaeography class: A IX: Beginners: German manuscripts & sources
*Gerhard Rechter, Nuremberg*

Palaeography class B IX: Advanced: German manuscripts & sources
*Anette Baumann, Gießen/Frankfurt/Wetzlar*

Palaeography class: C IX: Beginners: Judendeutsch & Yiddish & Ladino & Hebrew
*Stefan Litt, Jerusalem*

Palaeography class: D IX: Advanced: Judendeutsch & Yiddish & Ladino & Hebrew
*Mordechai Zucker, Jerusalem*

Coffee


11.00 a.m. – 13.00 p.m.
Jews as Actors in International Relations
*Israel Bartal, Jerusalem*

Lunch

2.00 – 3.30 p.m.
Shtadlanut: On Premodern Jewish Politics
*Scott Ury, Tel Aviv*

Coffee

4.00 – 5.30 p.m.
The Congress of Vienna and its Jewish Questions
*Dieter Hecht, Vienna, Louise Hecht, Olomouc/Vienna*

Coffee
6.00 – 7.30 p.m.
Everybody's Darling, Nobody's Concern: Jewish Salonières in Vienna
Dieter Hecht, Vienna

MONDAY, 30 JULY

9.00 – 10.30 a.m.
Palaeography class: A XI: Beginners: German manuscripts & sources
Gerhard Rechter, Nuremberg

Palaeography class B XI: Advanced: German manuscripts & sources
Anette Baumann, Gießen/Frankfurt/Wetzlar

Palaeography class: C XI: Beginners: Judendeutsch & Yiddish & Ladino & Hebrew
Stefan Litt, Jerusalem

Palaeography class: D XI: Advanced: Judendeutsch & Yiddish & Ladino & Hebrew
Mordechai Zucker, Jerusalem

Coffee

11.00 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.
The Wiener Israelitische Allianz
Björn Siegel, Hamburg

Lunch

2.00 p.m. – 3.30 p.m.
Motzkin, Jewish Minority Rights and the Paris Peace Treaty
Frank Nesemann, Speyer

Coffee

4.00 – 5.30 p.m.
Nürnberg and Beyond: Jewish Jurists, Crimes of War and „Genocide“
Omry Kaplan-Feuereisen, Berlin

Coffee

6.00 – 7.30 p.m.
Stephan Wendehorst, Gießen/Vienna

TUESDAY, 31 JULY

9.00 – 10.30 a.m.
Palaeography class: A XII: Beginners: German manuscripts & sources
Gerhard Rechter, Nuremberg

Palaeography class B XII: Advanced: German manuscripts & sources
Anette Baumann, Gießen/Frankfurt/Wetzlar

Palaeography class: C XII: Beginners: Judendeutsch & Yiddish & Ladino & Hebrew
Stefan Litt, Jerusalem
Palaeography class: D XII: Advanced: Judendeutsch & Yiddish & Ladino & Hebrew
Mordechai Zucker, Jerusalem

Coffee

11.00 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.
Concluding Remarks
Dieter Hecht, Louise Hecht, Michael Silber, Stephan Wendehorst

2.00 – 5.00 p.m.
Excursion IV: The Israeli Supreme Court